
Introduced by Senator Dunn

February 10, 2005

An act relating to Medi-Cal.

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SB 206, as introduced, Dunn. Inpatient hospital services: reimbursement: pediatric outlier payment adjustment program.

Existing law provides for the Medi-Cal program, which is administered by the State Department of Health Services and under which qualified low-income persons receive health care benefits, including hospital services.

This bill would state the intent of the Legislature to enact legislation that would establish a pediatric outlier payment adjustment program to offset the losses experienced by tertiary care hospitals rendering care to a disproportionately high percentage of Medi-Cal eligible children who are seriously ill and require exceptionally high cost treatment.

Vote: majority. Appropriation: no. Fiscal committee: no. State-mandated local program: no.

The people of the State of California do enact as follows:

- 1 SECTION 1. (a) (1) The Legislature finds and declares that
- 2 reimbursement for the health care provided to the most seriously
- 3 ill children in California is not covering the actual cost of the
- 4 care being rendered.
- 5 (2) The ability of tertiary care hospitals to continue to accept
- 6 all of the children who need tertiary care is declining. A tertiary
- 7 hospital is a referral hospital providing comprehensive,
- 8 multidisciplinary, regionalized pediatric care to children from

1 birth up to 21 years of age, consistent with identified
2 requirements.

3 (b) In recognition of these findings and declarations, it is the
4 intent of the Legislature to enact legislation that would create a
5 pediatric outlier payment adjustment program to help offset
6 losses experienced by those tertiary care hospitals rendering care
7 to a disproportionately high percentage of Medi-Cal eligible
8 children who are the most seriously ill in the state and require
9 exceptionally high cost treatment.

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